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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0044] of the published version of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] The user-centered approach to defining roles for Presence requires that Watchers know the identity of the person whose availability they wish to subscribe to (i.e. line 5 of the subscribe message). According to the second embodiment of the invention depicted in FIG. 5, there is no requirement that the Watchers know the user's identification. This capability is managed by defining a Role Management Service (RMS 15) that allows Watchers to subscribe to particular roles without knowing the user. Thus, according to this embodiment, the responsibility of role management is removed from the Presence Service 1 and is assumed instead by the RMS 15. The Presence Service 1 still deals with the notification of availability and execution of individual user policies, and the Presence Clients 13' (i.e. Presentity User Agent 11 and Watcher User Agent 13) continue to interact with the presence service 1 to access any user policies and to send user oriented subscriptions.

Please replace paragraph [0046] of the published version of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0046] In order for management of subscriptions to be performed by the RMS 15, rather than the Presence Clients 13', the subscribe message from the Watcher User Agent 13 (i.e. Subscribe-role) includes a role to divert the message to the RMS 15, as follows: